

HARFORD COUNTY

Bill No. 74-46 (as amended)

AN ACT to add new Chapter 6, heading "Businesses", to the Harford County Code to provide a chapter of laws which will govern businesses within Harford County, Maryland; and to enact new Article 6, heading "Community Antenna Television" to be added to Chapter 6 of the Harford County Code, said Article 6 to provide the County Council [[and the County Executive]] with the authorization to grant a franchise or franchises for the construction and operation of community antenna, cable television and cable communication systems, and to provide for the regulation and control of such a system or systems within Harford County.

WHEREAS, Community Antenna Television (CATV) is available in some areas of the State of Maryland for use by the public by means of transmitting audio and visual TV signals and radio signals by cable; and

WHEREAS, the growth and acceptance of cable transmission technology indicates that many public benefits are available for the benefits of the citizens of Harford County; and

WHEREAS, the Harford County Council deems it to be in the best interests and general welfare of the citizens of Harford County to provide for the granting of CATV franchises in conformity with the Charter of Harford County, Maryland and Article 25A (Section 5B) of the Annotated Code of Maryland. NOW, THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND, That new Chapter 6 of the Harford County Code (1974), heading, "Businesses", be, and it is hereby, added to the Harford County Code, and that Article 6 heading, "Community Antenna Television", be, and it is hereby, added to said Chapter 6 of the Harford County Code, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6. COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION

SECTION 6.1. AUTHORITY OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY [[SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH]] IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO ISSUE A FRANCHISE OR FRANCHISES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION (CATV) SYSTEMS AS DEFINED BY THIS ARTICLE, AND TO REGULATE SAID SYSTEMS CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THIS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS OR REGULATIONS.